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Workplace death under investigation


Kristen Lipscombe
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A man died Thursday afternoon after falling from a ladder while on a Bedford work site. Police officers and paramedics responded to the call from Douglas Drive at about 3:15 p.m., according to a Halifax Regional Police news release.

He was pronounced dead at the scene by Emergency Health Services personnel, police said.

Police were not releasing the man's name, "pending official identification and next of kin notification," and had few other details available, as of Thursday evening.

"It's currently under investigation," Halifax Regional Police spokeswoman Staff Sgt. Barb Saunders said shortly before 5 p.m. "Everybody's still on scene, including the Department of Labour."

The Department of Labour confirmed in a statement Thursday evening that an officer was still on investigating the circumstances of the man's death.

"We don't have details to share beyond what was released by police," the department said. "Our thoughts are with the individual's loved ones."



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5 THINGS TO DO IN THE CITY THIS WEEKEND

The best of Greek culture, classical East Indian dance and an open-air concert are just a few of the activities you can check out this weekend. Rounding out the lineup are the Bicycle Expo and a night market to support local businesses and artisans. Here are all the details for a weekend's worth of fun.



Haley Ryan
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1 Halifax Greek Fest

Opa! The annual Halifax Greek Fest runs Thursday to Sunday with amazing food, activities and dance showcasing Greek culture and history at St. George's Greek Orthodox Church on Purcells Cove Road. Watch dance troupes, live music and visit the Kids Olympics area while munching on souvlaki, baklava, donair, moussaka and more. The festival runs from roughly noon to 11 p.m. each day with tickets \$5 per day or \$8 for the weekend. Free for seniors and kids under 10.



2 Backlot Bash

Garrison Brewing is throwing a Backlot Bash on Saturday in support of the Ecology Action Centre, and hosting an open-air concert with Canadian alt-rockers July Talk, Alert the Medic and local favourites The Brood and Three Sheet behind their Marginal Road location. The show runs 5 to 10:30 p.m., with tickets \$30 in advance through garrisonbrewing.com — or \$35 at the door.

3 East Indian dancing

Bharathanatyam, a unique and ancient form of classical East Indian dance, will be on display Sunday evening during a performance with teacher Josephine Babou and her 12 students. Originating as a temple dance, the art form is now learned by all ages and was featured in the Life of Pi movie, which Babou also acted in. The show is 6 to 7 p.m. at Sir James Dunn Theatre, Dalhousie Arts Centre. Tickets are \$15.



4 Bicycle Expo

The Bicycle Expo this Sunday marks the final day of official Bike Week events, and is a day-long celebration of bikes and cycling. The Halifax Cycling Coalition will be at the Emera Oval from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. hosting races, repair clinics, kids' rides, food, beer tasting, art and more. The expo is free, and a full schedule can be found at cyclehalifax.ca/expo. The annual 15-kilometre Southwest Sunday Cycle also leaves from the Oval at 9 a.m.

5 North by Night Market

Head to Gottingen Street to check out an evening of supporting local businesses and artisans for the North by Night Market on Friday evening in Squiggle Park near Falkland Street. There'll be food trucks and vendors, a DJ dance party, beer samples, donuts, racks of vintage clothes and multiple other vendors. The event is free to attend and runs 7 to 10 p.m.



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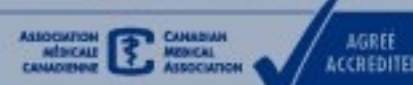
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POLL

McNeil, Liberals still on top

Stephen McNeil and his governing Liberal Party are still sitting on top of the polls.

A new poll from Corporate Research Associates pegs support for the party at 59 per cent, up three points from one conducted in February. Support for the NDP is up slightly by two points to 18 per cent, with a dip of two points in support for the Progressive Conservatives to 21 per cent. The Green Party sits at two per cent, down three points from five per cent in February.

Nearly a third of Nova Scotians polled said they were undecided.

People's satisfaction with the Liberal government is up slightly to 55 per cent, and 35 per cent of those polled said they were dissatisfied — compared to 39 per cent in February.

As a leader, Stephen McNeil's support is unchanged from February at 41 per cent, while PC leader Jamie Baillie saw a bump in support up to 19 per cent and NDP leader Gary Burrill dropped to 11 per cent.

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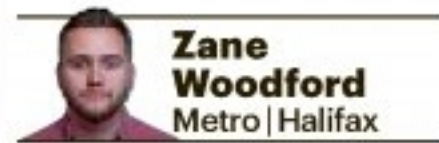
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These numbers are the result of a telephone survey of 800 Nova Scotians conducted from May 9 to 31. CRA says they're accurate to within plus or minus 3.5 percentage points, 95 times out of 100.

Panel appointed to shape mental health strategy

RECOMMENDATIONS

Health minister won't commit to implementing group's ideas



Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

The announcement of a new panel of experts to look at the province's approach to mental health and addictions on Thursday was all about "innovation to implementation."

But the Nova Scotia govern-

ment isn't committing to actually implementing any of the panel's recommendations.

The panel of eight experts will make recommendations over the next two years "to help shape the next mental health strategy," and will meet with Health Minister Leo Glavine every six months.

It's co-chaired by Dr. Stan Kutcher of Dalhousie University and the IWK Health Centre, and Starr Dobson, president and CEO of the Mental Health Foundation of Nova Scotia.

All of the panellists are working on a volunteer basis, though they'll have administrative support from the government.

Glavine wouldn't put a num-

ber on how many recommendations are expected, but it was clear he's looking for quality over quantity.

"We want a few strong recommendations that will really make the kind of impact that we want right now," he said after Thursday's announcement.

Glavine also wouldn't commit to implementing the recommendations, "because we don't know the human resource requirement that may be needed for some of the recommendations that they will make."

The panellists weren't bothered by that lack of commitment.

"I'm convinced that this minister and this government have a commitment to this issue, and that out of this, there will be a strategy, there will be actions, and I certainly plan on contributing to making sure that that happens; that we develop ideas that are doable," said panel member Todd Leader, a psychologist at Saint Mary's University.

Dobson said the panel is adopting the tagline "innovation to implementation," and will be looking to make recommendations that Glavine can "put to work quickly in the province to benefit people."

"Once we come up with our recommendations, it'll be pretty hard to say no," she said.



Starr Dobson says, "it'll be pretty hard to say no" to the panel's ideas. JEFF HARPER/METRO



CAR CRASH VEHICLE COLLIDES WITH BUS SHELTER A tow truck operator clears glass off the top of a car that collided with a bus shelter on Lakelands Boulevard around 3:15 p.m. on Thursday. No injuries were reported. JEFF HARPER/METRO

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Cyclists hail truck guards

MUNICIPAL POLITICS

City staff recommends safety measure be mandated



Zane Woodford
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Halifax city staff have reversed course on the issue of side guards for city trucks.

A report, headed to Tuesday's meeting of the transportation standing committee, recommends putting side guards on all new municipal vehicles starting next year.

"We are absolutely pleased that staff has turned around on this," said the chairman of the Halifax Cycling Coalition, Ben Wedge, on Thursday.

"We're optimistic that council will approve the staff report and start installing side guards on city trucks starting next year."

Side guards cover the gap between a truck's front and rear wheels, preventing cyclists or pedestrians from getting swept underneath in a collision.

The committee rejected a staff report in March that recommended against side guards after Coun. Wayne Mason tabled a motion to send staff back to the drawing board after he was "frustrated" by a lack of information in that one.

The new report recommends the city require side-guard protection on all vehicles weighing more than 4,500 kilograms purchased, leased or contracted



Cyclists ride with a ghost bike in honour of Johanna Dean, who was killed in a bike collision in 2014. JEFF HARPER/METRO

out by the city after April 1, 2017.

It also recommends staff submit a report "mid-2018" to make recommendations on a retrofit program for vehicles to be replaced by 2022.

Wedge would like to see it move a little faster than that.

"I think it's reasonable to have that report done in time for the 2018 budget year and start retrofitting the truck so you get three seasons — 2018,



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Ben Wedge, Halifax Cycling Coalition chairman

19 and 20 — to get that done," he said.

The implementation of the side guard is expected to cost about \$4,000 per vehicle, adding up to \$50,000 a year, which Wedge calls "peanuts."

"A side guard doesn't stop a collision; it just reduces the chance that a loved one will not make it home in the event of a collision," he said.

The committee meets Tuesday morning, followed

by Halifax regional council in the afternoon, and Wedge believes there is enough support on council to get the recommendations approved at both meetings.

"We've got the mayor on board, we know that six councillors have publicly said that they will support this, and we believe that there is the two more that we need to make sure that this sails through both stages."

SAFETY

'Could've saved my sister's life'



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

The sister of a woman killed while bicycling says she's relieved to see municipal staff recommend that side guards go on city vehicles, as it feels like her death won't be "for nothing."

Jackie Dean — sister of 30-year-old Johanna Dean, who was killed in a 2014 collision when her bike was hit by a truck — said Thursday she is "extremely pleased" to see the report suggesting side guards be installed on vehicles purchased after April 2017 and have the fleet be outfitted by 2022.

"It could've saved my sister's life. A side guard could have literally made the difference between me talking to you and me talking to her," Dean said.

"Her death can't be for nothing. She was so full of life; she had so much more to give that ... something positive has to come out of this."



Coun. Wayne Mason METRO FILE

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NORTHERN SHRIMP QUOTA

Province defends Last-In, First-Out policy

Nova Scotia wants a federal panel reviewing the northern shrimp quota off Newfoundland and Labrador to maintain a policy that protects the interests of the fishery's pioneers.

The panel, which is scheduled to hold a hearing Friday in Halifax, is examining whether the Last-In, First-Out policy should be continued, modified or scrapped as shrimp stocks decline.

Provincial Fisheries Minister Keith Colwell said the north-

ern shrimp fishery was actually developed several years ago by Nova Scotia's offshore fleet and accounts for a large part of the overall shrimp catch, which is worth \$131 million to the province.

Under the current policy, the last entrants to a fishery are the first to leave when a quota is cut.

Colwell said any drastic change to the rules would be unfair and would have a major impact on a fleet with a heavy

investment in the fishery.

"Some of these boats are \$60 million to \$80 million and some of them are relatively new, so it would be a pretty significant impact on the industry overall," said Colwell.

He said he had also expressed concerns to federal fisheries officials about the composition of the panel, which has three members from Newfoundland and only one from Nova Scotia.

Colwell didn't reject the no-

tion when asked whether the deck was stacked against his province.

"It's hard to say," he said. "I would hope not. We believe that the (federal) minister has the final decision on whatever change, if any change is made."

The fisheries union in Newfoundland and Labrador has said the policy could spell the end of the shrimp fishery in that province.

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Halifax's position on MoneySense magazine's Canada's Best Places to Live list fell further, as it has every year since 2012.

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Livability ranking slips again

MONEYSENSE MAGAZINE

Halifax loses points over weather, taxes, income



Kristen Lipscombe
Metro | Halifax

Halifax continues to fall down Canada's Best Places to Live list, produced annually by MoneySense magazine.

Nova Scotia's capital city came in at No. 74 on this year's list, representing a continual drop since 2012, when MoneySense ranked Halifax as fourth overall.

The 2016 Canada's Best Places to Live list, released Wednesday, ranks 219 cities across the country, with Ottawa taking the top spot, followed by two other Ontario cities — Burlington and Oakville — at No. 2 and

No. 3, respectively.

St. Albert, Alta., came in fourth, while Boucherville, Que., claimed fifth this year.

This year's full ranking shows Halifax receiving check marks for "access to health care," "easy to bike, walk, take transit" and "strong arts and sports community."

The city didn't receive checks for several categories, ranging from "high income" and "affordable housing" to "low taxes" and "good weather."

Halifax was ranked No. 67 last year, 26th in 2014 and 20th in 2014.

Also in Nova Scotia this year, Amherst came in at 212 on the list, while Cape Breton barely cracked the rankings at No. 217.

MoneySense says it used information on Census Metropolitan Areas, Census Agglomeration and Census Subdivisions — as defined by Statistics Canada — to compile this year's list.

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Halifax's ranking this year on MoneySense magazine's Canada's Best Places to Live list out of 219 Canadian cities. Halifax came in fourth in 2012 and has dropped every year since.

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Grandma left in ER for a week

ELDER CARE

Doctor says 'abandonment' is becoming more common

An elderly woman spent more than a week in a Halifax emergency room because her family refused to take her home, according to the chief of Nova Scotia's largest ER.

Dr. Samuel Campbell said the woman was not ill, but her grandchildren were looking after her and felt they could no longer cope with her mild dementia.

Campbell said Halifax Infirmary emergency-room staff contacted her next of kin — the woman's children, who were in Florida at the time — but they became angry that she couldn't stay in emergency and refused to take her home.

The staff were threatened with legal action or with bringing the issue to the media.

"The family was just saying, 'We refuse to take her home. She's your problem. Do something,'" said Campbell in an inter-



Halifax Infirmary's ER chief Dr. Samuel Campbell said another elderly person was in the ER more than four days. METRO FILE

view on Thursday. "Nurses are crying, and social workers are desperate."

The woman stayed at the hospital for 215 hours, or almost nine days, before being discharged Thursday, said Campbell.

"That's 60 patients, 60 sick patients that basically did not



The family was just saying ... 'She's your problem.'

Dr. Samuel Campbell

get care while she was here because she was using up the space that they paid their tax dollars to provide for their emergency care," said Campbell, adding that another elderly person was in the emergency room for more than four days.

Such situations are becoming

all too common in the region's emergency rooms, said Campbell. Elderly people who are not acutely ill are clogging the system and preventing others from receiving emergency care.

Campbell said some families are not planning for the long-term care of their loved ones

and instead drop them off at emergency when they can no longer cope with their needs.

"They throw their hands up and say they can't manage any longer.... In some ways it's almost abandonment," said Campbell.

"The problem for us is that we can't do our job.... The emergency department is for managing emergencies. An emergency is an unexpected health crisis. This is not an unexpected health crisis. It's a social crisis that should have been anticipated. They didn't suddenly become demented and old."

Campbell said in most cases, the elderly person has cognitive issues. "They languish in the emergency department. It's lit 24 hours a day. It's noisy 24 hours a day. It's not a calm environment, which is exactly what these people need," said Campbell.

Health Minister Leo Glavine reiterated Thursday that wait times for long-term care beds are coming down. He said Emergency Health Services are also now able to go to homes and address health needs without going to the emergency room.

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Memorial chainsaw removed from grave

RESPECT

Grieving family hopes meaningful symbol returns

A grieving family is desperately trying to find a memorial sign taken from their son's grave hours after his funeral.

The piece, a graphic of an orange Stihl chainsaw, was handmade by Tony Crouchman as a tribute to his lost friend, Jeffrey Bezanson.

Bezanson, 46, was a well-known small-engine mechanic who operated a repair shop in Wilmot. He died in the Soldiers Memorial Hospital in Middleton on May 26.

"He loved Stihl chainsaws. He worked on them all the time," said Janet Bezanson, Jeffrey Bezanson's stepmother of 43 years.

"(Tony) made the piece for



Tony Crouchman made this custom sign in memory of his late friend, Jeffrey Bezanson. The family would like to see it returned, no questions asked. CONTRIBUTED

us out of a piece of Plexiglas, and it was beautiful. We had it arranged on a piece that we had from the floral shop."

The family left the memorial at Jeffrey's grave in the North Kingston Cemetery following the graveside service May 30. They came back that evening

only to make a devastating discovery.

"It was heartbreaking to us because that was something that was done just for him," said Janet Bezanson, noting it would be no use to anyone else.

"They were going to put it in

a glass box later on and make a tombstone out of that," said Janet Bezanson.

Jeffrey Bezanson was a member of the Nictaux & District Fire Department. In his off time, he liked to go hunting and race snowmobiles.

According to his obituary, "he will be especially missed by his canine companion, JD."

Const. Kelli Gaudet of the Kings District RCMP confirmed that the theft was reported. She said the investigation continues.

The Bezanson family is urging anyone with information about the sign's whereabouts to contact the RCMP or take it back to the cemetery.

"We would really love to have it back," said Janet Bezanson.

"If they just want to take it there and place it back for us, that's fine. We don't have to know who it is; we'd just like to have it back."

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CRIME

Yo, ho, ho and a duffel bag of rum

Shelburne RCMP received a tip around 4:15 p.m. on June 7 about suspicious activity happening near the Shelburne Harbour Yacht Club.

The RCMP and the Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA) were at the parking lot within five minutes to investigate.

Once there, officers discovered a duffel bag, backpack and sail bag filled with boxes of rum, wine and tobacco.

They also found a small quantity of marijuana hidden in the bushes of the yacht club.

According to police, there were 36.25 litres of rum, five

litres of red wine, 12 pouches of tobacco and five cans of tobacco.

Shelburne RCMP Sgt. Ben Parry said suspects, who he says were not locals, were identified by the RCMP and CBSA on a nearby boat.

"It appears the items were from Martinique and Guadeloupe," said Parry.

"A local person, who was driving, saw suspicious behaviour and reported it to the police," he said.

The CBSA has taken the lead on the investigation.

No charges have been laid.

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Police discovered rum, tobacco and wine in a stash hidden in the bushes of Shelburne Harbour Yacht Club. CONTRIBUTED

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MUNICIPAL POLITICS

Cape Breton transit offers free bus rides

Councillors with the Cape Breton Regional Municipality hope that the prospect of two months of free transit will encourage residents to get on board with the service.

Councillors voted unanimously in favour of the pilot project during its general committee meeting this week. The free trial period during July and August will lead up to the introduction of a monthly pass beginning in September, as well as the anticipated launch of a where's-my-bus mobile app that will provide real-time access to transit information.

The proposal is outside of the approved 2016-17 budget, so it must be endorsed by council at its regular June session.

"The try-the-bus campaign is going to be taking advantage of the summer months, which are the lowest ridership right now," Mayor Cecil Clarke said on Wednesday. "If they want to go downtown and

have a beer and a sandwich, that's a great way to get safely to and from their home and be part of the local economy and the festivities of the summertime."

Based on figures from the same period last year, the free trial is expected to result in about \$83,000 in lost fares. A public relations student doing a summer work placement with the municipality is expected to assist with the promotional efforts. It's expected that

in-house staff and resources will handle most of the promotional work.

Part of that effort will include getting CBRM councillors and senior administrators out of their cars and onto transit buses for a day to see how the service runs first-hand.

"Then compare all of our notes about how long it took to get to the location ... if you're going to encourage other people, we have to get on the bus ourselves," Clarke said.

He acknowledged that for councillors who live in the more rural areas not served by transit will have to first travel to a point from which it is offered.

Clarke noted the transit service has also taken other steps to be more rider-friendly, by offering free Wi-Fi and installing bicycle racks, as well as investing in the buses themselves. A future transit strategy will also have to address

issues including routing, serving Cape Breton University and offering bus service on Sundays, he added.

Wayne MacDonald, director of engineering and public works, noted it's hoped that a subsequent increase in ridership as a result of the pilot may help to offset the revenue lost during the pilot program. Gauging the public response could also lead to further development of the transit system. TC MEDIA

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Following the two-month summer trial, the monthly passes will cost \$75 — with a discounted rate of \$60 for students and seniors.

Decorated WWII vet has high-profile support

CAMP HILL HOSPITAL

94-year-old seeking long-term care at Halifax facility

Nova Scotia's premier has joined a growing chorus of voices supporting a 94-year-old man seeking a bed in a veterans' hospital after facing a series of regulatory hurdles from federal bureaucrats.

Stephen McNeil said Petter Blindheim, who served with the Norwegian Royal Navy in Second World War convoys, should be admitted to Camp Hill Veterans Memorial hospital if it's the care he requires.

"Let's be frank, I think all of us think this veteran should be treated with the respect veterans deserve," he said after a cabinet meeting Thursday.

"If he requires support in a long-term care facility and is a veteran, we should be providing it."

Ottawa first refused entry to Blindheim on the grounds that Norway's navy didn't qualify as full-fledged allies, but after retreating on that stance officials told the elderly man he must show he requires special care that provincial facilities couldn't provide.

Blindheim was assessed on Tuesday by a Veterans Affairs nurse and his son and daughter were awaiting word on the outcome on Thursday afternoon.



Petter Blindheim looks up toward his son, Peter Blindheim, in his home in Halifax on Friday. The son of the 94-year-old Canadian who fought with the Royal Norwegian Navy in the Second World War says federal officials have removed at least one obstacle to his father being admitted to a federally funded nursing home. TIM KROCHAK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

In the meantime, Blindheim's struggle to get into the Camp Hill Veterans Memorial hospital has been attracting high-profile support.

In Norway, national news services have broadcast his story and veterans advocates have been criticizing the Canadian government.

In Halifax, veterans advocate Peter Stoffer weighed in on Thursday, calling on federal Veterans Affairs Minister Kent Hehr to use his ministerial oversight to ensure Blindheim gains one of the 13 empty beds.

Standing in front of the hospital, Stoffer said Blindheim is

"This veteran should be treated with the respect veterans deserve."
Premier Stephen McNeil

an allied hero who has been insulted by statements suggesting he didn't qualify.

According to the Norwegian embassy, Blindheim served with distinction on several ships of the Royal Norwegian Navy, including two ships sunk

by the Nazis. On the first occasion, he successfully disabled a depth charge whilst the ship was sinking, preventing further loss of life.

He was awarded the third-highest Norwegian war decoration on Sept. 3, 1943.

Stoffer said the delays in refusals are likely tied to Ottawa's determination to begin winding down the federally funded "contract" beds that provide some of the country's best nursing home care.

"It's a cost-saving measure.... This is nonsense. It's not how we treat heroes," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Resettlement under budget

IMMIGRATION

Bringing in 25K refugees cost feds \$136M less than expected

The first year of the Liberal government's marquee Syrian refugee resettlement program came in about \$136 million under budget, the government said Thursday.

Bringing in 25,000 people between November and the end of February cost \$319 million, with the biggest costs being transporting and welcoming them, figures released by the Immigration Department show.

Transportation was cheaper than expected, temporary military housing was never used and neither was a contingency fund, Immigration Minister John McCallum told a House of Commons committee.

"The reason we spent dramati-

cally less than we said we would is because we were dramatically efficient," he said.

The budget set out for the program last November was \$678 million spread over six years. It was divided up into five phases — the first three focused on the identification, processing and transportation of refugees.

The maximum budget for those three streams was \$188 million. Those phases are over, and figures released Thursday estimate \$108.5 million was spent.

But the lion's share of the budget — the cost to actually settle the refugees and provide income support, language training, job services and the like —

remains to be spent.

The budget is \$377 million, and \$32.6 million was spent in 2015-2016.

Refugee settlement agencies have been appearing before MPs for weeks detailing concerns about the settlement process, from women not being able to attend language classes because they can't find daycare to struggles with securing long-term, affordable housing.

As of May 29, 27,580 Syrians had arrived, about 15,412 of whom are government assisted.

The Liberals are aiming to resettle 10,000 more in that stream by the year's end.

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\$678M

The original budget set for the resettlement program over six years.

\$319M

The estimated cost of the program in the first year, \$136 million less than expected.



A family of Syrian refugees arrives at the Welcome Centre at Toronto's Pearson Airport on Dec. 18. On Thursday, the government said preliminary estimates put the cost of the first year of the program at \$319 million, about \$136 million less than expected.

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Police probe deadly pit bull attack

Montreal police say they could lay criminal negligence charges against the owner of a pit bull that attacked a 55-year-old woman Wednesday.

Const. Benoît Boisselle said investigators are awaiting the results of an autopsy on the body of the woman, who has not yet

been officially identified. Police can only decide whether to lay charges once the cause of death is determined.

Boisselle said it is "possible" that the dog's owner, who has not been identified, could face charges of criminal negligence causing death.

Police shot and killed the dog so that medical technicians could get to the woman. She was pronounced dead at the scene of the attack.

The attack comes as the city of Montreal debates whether to restrict or prohibit pit bulls on its territory. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



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Clark reveals past sex assault as teen

BRITISH COLUMBIA

'I knew all too well why women stay silent.... I've been one of them'



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British Columbia Premier Christy Clark has revealed she was sexually assaulted as a teenager.

In a Vancouver Sun op-ed published Thursday, Clark outlined the reasons her government supported a bill by Green Party MLA Andrew Weaver requiring post-secondary institutions to establish and implement sexual misconduct policies.

Clark said her own personal experience shaped her decision to support the bill and is now talking about it for the first time.

"As I sat in my chair on the floor of the legislature, it struck me: I knew all too well why women stay silent. For over 35 years, I've been one of them."



B.C. Premier Christy Clark
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Clark wrote,

Clark said she was 13 and on her way to a restaurant job in Burnaby when the assault took place.

"It was a sunny day, and I was walking to work at my first job. A man suddenly jumped out, grabbed me and pulled me out of sight into a deep copse of shrubs," Clark wrote.

"He didn't say anything. I don't even remember what he looked like. I remember wondering where he had come from, and why I hadn't seen him. And I remember being very scared."

"When he pulled me down the

little slope, it must have shifted him off balance. He loosened his grip for a moment, giving me a chance to wriggle away.

"Once I got out into the sunlight, I ran like the wind."

Clark said she has never told anyone about the assault until recently because she was ashamed and didn't want to make people uncomfortable.

"I suppose I felt that if I hadn't been physically hurt, people would think I was self-absorbed, overly upset about something that was just part of life for my half of humanity," she wrote. "Over the last few weeks, I've shared this story with female friends and colleagues. Almost every single one of them also had a story. Like me, none of them had said a word."

She hopes Weaver's bill will help other victims report their assaults to authorities and get the support they need.

"Sexual violence is common. Unfortunately, so is staying silent about it. Our silence makes it easier for those who wish to harm us."



A group of South African firefighters work to uproot a tree as they mop up hot spots in an area close to Anzac, outside of Fort McMurray on June 2. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Fire crews to get fair pay: Premier



Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

Alberta Premier Rachel Notley said her government was "disturbed" to learn South African firefighters were being paid so little for their work on the Fort McMurray fire and her government will now ensure they are paid better.

"I can say right now that every hour that every firefighter from South Africa or anywhere else has worked on these fires will be compensated in accordance with

our laws," Notlev said Thursday.

According to Work on Fire — the South African organization that oversees them — the 300 firefighters who arrived in Alberta in late May were receiving just \$15 per day while on the ground, with an additional \$35 per day to be paid to them when they returned home.

Notley said this is a dispute between the company and its workers, but added people working in Alberta have to be paid higher wages.

The NDP have committed to pushing Alberta's minimum wage to \$15 per hour by 2018.

"It's not acceptable to me and to my government that we would have people working for wages in our province that do not align with our labour laws," she said.

According to Notley, the government's contract paid the organization \$170 per day, per fighter, and also covered, food, transportation and lodging for the workers.

Thursday, the firefighters stood down from their work in Fort McMurray. The company Work on Fire said it was working on the issue and its crew will return to South Africa.

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Obama endorses Clinton

U.S. ELECTION

Move an attempt to ease Bernie Sanders toward exit

Testifying to Hillary Clinton's grit and experience, U.S. President Barack Obama endorsed his former secretary of state's bid to succeed him on Thursday and urged Democrats to line up behind her. It was all part of a carefully orchestrated pressure campaign aimed at easing Clinton rival Bernie Sanders toward the exit and turning fully to the fight against Republican Donald Trump.

Obama's long-expected endorsement, delivered via web video, included a forceful call for unity and for "embracing" Sanders' economic message, which has fired up much of the liberal wing of his party. Obama sought to reassure Democrats that Clinton shares their values and is ready for the job.

"Look, I know how hard this job can be. That's why I know Hillary will be so good



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at it," Obama said. "I have seen her judgment. I have seen her toughness. I've seen her commitment to our values."

Obama's testimonial came less than an hour after the president met privately with Sanders at the White House to discuss the future of Sanders' so-called political revolution — one that will not include him taking up residence at the White House. Sanders emerged

from the meeting subdued and indicated he had gotten the message.

Although he stopped short of endorsing Clinton, the Vermont senator told reporters he planned to press for his "issues" — rather than victory — at the party's July convention and would work with Clinton to defeat Trump.

"Needless to say, I am going to do everything in my power

and I will work as hard as I can to make sure that Donald Trump does not become president of the United States," Sanders said, standing in the White House driveway with his wife, Jane, at his side.

Clinton declared victory over Sanders on Tuesday, having captured the number of delegates needed to become the first female nominee from a major party. Her late and some-



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Clinton and Trump have one thing in common: Both are working to woo Sanders supporters. The two took to Twitter to tangle Thursday.

Trump responded to Obama's endorsement by tweeting: "Obama just endorsed Crooked Hillary. He wants four more years of Obama — but nobody else does!" The Clinton campaign tweeted back: "Delete Your Account."

what sputtering victory set off a blitz of private phone calls and back-channel negotiations, all aimed at sussing out Sanders' demands, easing him out of the race and putting the full-court press on Trump.

Obama's endorsement and Sanders' visit were the public culmination of that work.

The careful choreography was part of the Democrats' attempt to show some respect to Sanders, even as they steered the long-time senator toward the campaign off-ramp.

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SEXUAL ASSAULT

Stanford rape case grips U.S.

With outcry growing against those who stood by a former Stanford University swimmer who sexually assaulted an unconscious woman, a childhood friend and a high school guidance counsellor have apologized for writing letters of support urging leniency for Brock Turner.

The case against the one-time Olympic hopeful has gripped the country. Taking into account more than three dozen letters from character witnesses, Santa Clara County Judge Aaron Persky sentenced Turner to six months in jail and three years' probation for attacking the 23-year-old woman. Turner will serve only three months behind bars.

Defendants can solicit letters of support for judges to consider. One of them came from Kelly Owens, a guidance counsellor at his former high school.

She regrets writing the letter and acknowledged it was a mistake, her school district said in a prepared statement Wednesday.

Leslie Rasmussen, a childhood friend of Turner's, also faced blowback for writing a letter. She had blamed campus drinking culture and political correctness for his drunken life choices.

"I was not there that night. I had no right to make any assumptions about the situation," according to a Facebook post.

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Brock Turner
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Ali remembered as an icon who pushed for unity



Muhammad Ali
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As the faithful chanted a Muslim prayer in unison, dignitaries and fans stood shoulder to shoulder to honour a man who used his celebrity to push for peace among races, religions and cultures.

On phones and screens around the globe, thousands more joined

the service from afar through streams and broadcasts, watching a traditional Muslim funeral ceremony play out for Muhammad Ali.

The prayer service Thursday, known as Jenazah, began two days of memorials that Ali crafted himself in exacting detail

years before his death Friday. He designed them with the intent to make them open to the world and to offer a view into a faith many Americans know little about.

"Ali was the people's champion," said Sherman Jackson, a Muslim scholar who spoke at

the service.

"Ali made being a Muslim cool," he said. "Ali made being a Muslim dignified."

More than 14,000 got tickets for the Thursday service in Ali's hometown of Louisville. Some travelled thousands of miles to attend. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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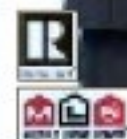
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World Vision Canada urges prevention of child labour

A new report says Canadian consumers may be unwittingly buying goods made by child labourers.

And those who want to make ethical buying decisions are largely in the dark about what companies are doing to prevent child labour in their supply chains, says the World Vision Canada report to be released today.

The organization is calling for a new law to force companies that do business in Canada to report annually on the measures they take to ensure that factories in other countries aren't using minors to make products for the Canadian marketplace.

"It's an issue of promoting the Canadian brand for responsible business; it's an opportunity to ensure that we are competitive too," said Simon Lewchuk, who has been heading up the initiative for World Vision Canada.

Lewchuk said transparency

legislation would be a way to pressure companies into doing more to prevent child labourers from working on goods made overseas.

"The hope is simply by requiring companies to report on this, that will then be the basis of a better dialogue between consumers, investors and these companies."

The recommendation is one of several in the report, which comes one day after Canada rati-

Labour Minister MaryAnn Mihychuk said the government would have to study any proposal before crafting a new law.

"We don't have child labour here, but some companies may use child labour somewhere along their supply chain," she said in an interview ahead of ratifying the ILO convention.

Mihychuk said some multinational companies based in Canada already disclose information as part of a corporate social



The legislation is a means to an end, not an end in and of itself.

Simon Lewchuk

fied an International Labour Organization convention on child labour that proclaims the minimum age for work should be 15.

Government documents obtained under the Access to Information Act show federal officials raised the idea last year to then-labour minister Kellie Leitch, writing that if there was a trend among allies to have transparency laws, it would "present an opportunity for Canada to show leadership by examining the possibility of adopting a similar legislation."

responsibility agenda.

Among those companies is apparel manufacturer Gildan, named in the World Vision Canada report as a model for other companies.

The Quebec-based company regularly runs surprise audits of overseas factories: In 2015, it ran 337 such audits to ensure the minimum working age in factories is 18, and that workers have adequate compensation, benefits, and hours of work. The results are posted online for consumers to read. THE CANADIAN PRESS

52

Percentage of companies in the report that didn't provide any public reporting on their efforts to prevent child labour in their supply chains.

1,264

Companies operating in Canada whose supply chains run through countries with high incidences of child labour.

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Estimated number of child labourers worldwide; 85 million of these children do hazardous work.

34.3B

Value of imported goods reviewed as part of the World Vision Canada study in Canadian dollars.

828

Number of those companies that are headquartered in Canada.

87

Percentage of respondents in a 2015 Ipsos Reid survey, conducted for World Vision Canada, who supported supply chain transparency legislation.

SOURCES: WORLD VISION CANADA, INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION

BANK OF CANADA

Housing prices not sustainable, Poloz says

The Bank of Canada delivered a warning Thursday that surging housing prices in the hot markets of Vancouver and Toronto are rising at an unsustainable clip.

Governor Stephen Poloz cautioned that those climbing real estate prices have outpaced local economic fundamentals like job creation, immigration and income growth.

The central bank's decision to weigh in this week came after it saw growing evidence those markets were fuelled by "self-reinforcing" expectations among prospective buyers and lenders, Poloz said.

The bank's concern is that people believe the price trajectory will continue to point skyward.

"You have to admit (there's) the possibility that the price could actually decline," Poloz told a news conference in Ottawa.

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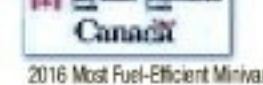
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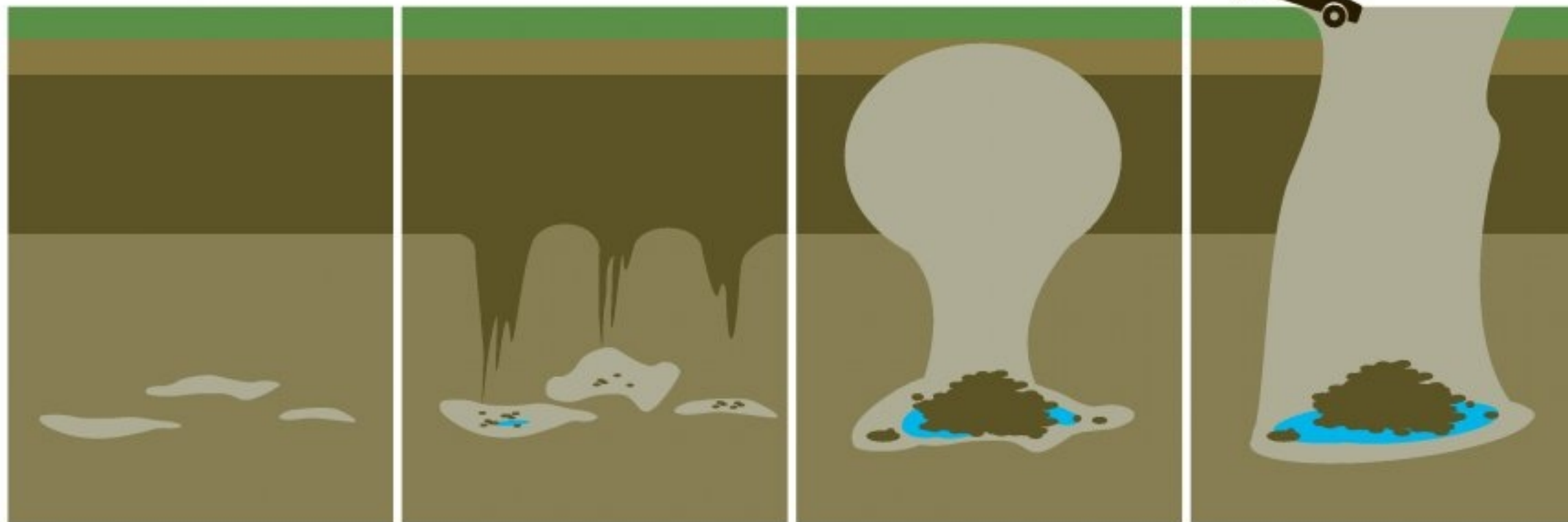
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Sinkholes can form in lots of ways. They're especially common in areas where the bedrock contains bases like **calcium carbonate**, which react with **acid** in rainwater and groundwater. Ontario's abundant **limestone** is calcium carbonate.

Water seeps into the rock's nooks and crannies, dissolving it and opening up a cavern underground that may not be visible above.

When it gets big enough and close enough to the surface, the "roof," often made of clay or soil, can cave in, sometimes quite quickly and dramatically.

**Presto:
Sinkhole!**

DID YOU KNOW?

Rainwater reacts with carbon dioxide in the air to form carbonic acid. **The acid in turn reacts with the calcium carbonate in the rock to form calcium bicarbonate, which dissolves easily in water:** That's how the rock is "eaten away." Incidentally, carbonic acid is also formed when carbon dioxide is dissolved under pressure in the tasty sugar-water-flavour solution we call soda pop!



SINKHOLES: OFTEN OUR FAULT

Human activity is often to blame for sinkholes: pumping of groundwater, construction of sewer lines, mining. A disturbance that prevents surface water from being able to drain away, causing it to collect underground, could be a recipe for a sinkhole. Under a downtown street in Ottawa this week, a water main broke, but it's not yet clear if the break caused the sinkhole, or the reverse.

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FINDINGS

Your week in science

PUBLIC ENEMY #1

History's biggest villain is very tiny. A new analysis of DNA from 178 people buried in mass graves suggests just one strain of *Y. pestis*, the bacteria that causes bubonic plague, caused European pandemics of the sixth to 18th centuries, including the Black Death. In the 19th century, it spread to Asia and around the world.



SLACKING: OFF

A University of Waterloo team has designed a wearable gadget to keep people working at standing desks from spending too much time on social media. Sites like Facebook and Twitter stay locked unless the person is in an uncomfortable position, like a lunge. The hope is that burning quads will deter employees from slacking off.

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DEFINITION

Ketosis is the state you go into when you break down fat instead of carbohydrates for energy, often because of a very low-carb or low-calorie diet. Ketosis causes elevated levels of **ketones** (byproducts of fat metabolism) in your blood. It can develop into a serious illness in people with diabetes, but for others, ketosis can be useful, including to treat obesity and epilepsy.

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Demon-hunting duo is back

THE CONJURING 2

The Warrens' X-File exploits perfect for spooky stories

Richard Crouse

For Metro Canada



If self-described "demonologists, ghost hunters and kooks" Ed and Lorraine Warren didn't really exist, Hollywood would have invented them.

In addition to investigating 10,000 cases of paranormal activity — including exorcising a "werewolf demon" — they founded the New England Society for Psychic Research, authored three books about their ghostly exploits and were the proprietors of Warren's Occult Museum in Monroe, Conn.

They are colourful eccentrics whose wild exploits are perfect big-screen fodder.

Patrick Wilson and Vera Farmiga played them in 2013's *The Conjuring*. Based on a real-life haunted house in Rhode Island, it comes complete with slamming doors, someone or something goosing family members in their sleep and the smell of rotten meat.

Directed by Saw co-creator James Wan, it's a mashup of *The Exorcist* and a particularly unnerving episode of *Ghost Hunters* and earned Farmiga a nomination for the MTV Movie Award for Best Scared-As-S—t



Patrick Wilson and Vera Farmiga portray real-life husband-and-wife demonologists Ed and Lorraine Warren in the supernatural thriller *The Conjuring 2*. CONTRIBUTED

Performance.

The demon-hunting duo are back in theatres in *The Conjuring 2*. This time they're looking into the Enfield Poltergeist incident. Instead of a ghost in a house, malevolent spirits possess young children who speak in strange voices, levitate and do all manner of spooky things.

"I've known about them since I was pretty young, back in high school," Wan says of the Warrens.

"I was fascinated by what they did and who they are. I've sort of kept them in my peripheral all these years, and I've always thought their life stories would make a very in-



MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Now You See Me 2 ★★★
Warcraft ★
Maggie's Plan ★★★

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teresting movie."

The *Conjuring* films are scary but they're not the only supernatural cases the Warrens investigated that went on to get the big-screen treatment.

Annabelle, a 2014 prequel to *The Conjuring*, proves you can't keep a good doll down. It tells the story of *Annabelle*, that movie's creepy, possessed

dolly before she was safely locked away in Warren's Occult Museum. Echoes of *Rosemary's Baby* and *Repulsion* reverberate throughout the movie's low-key weird atmosphere.

The Warrens' much-documented Carmen Snedeker situation gave us *The Haunting in Connecticut*. In a disturbing flick that breathes the same

air as any movie involving evil spirits, a haunted house, an old aboriginal cemetery or former insane asylum, evil forces torment the Snedekers after they move into a converted funeral home in Southington, Conn.

In the real-life 1986 event, the Warrens were called in and declared the Snedeker house to be crawling with demons, the result of former funeral home workers practising necrophilia. How accurate was the movie?

"I was also told about scratching on the walls, blood and séances," Lorraine told *MyRecordJournal.com*. "That isn't the type of thing ... occurring within the house at

all. The movie is very, very loosely based on the actual investigation."

The eerie couple's most celebrated case happened at 112 Ocean Ave. in Amityville, Long Island. Known as *The Amityville Horror*, their look into the Lutz family's outrageous claims of supernatural terror after moving into the large house where Ronald DeFeo, Jr. shot and killed six members of his family, has been the subject of 10 movies and a number of books.

"The case itself has affected our personal lives more than any other case we've ever worked on in 54 years of research," Lorraine said.

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5 REALLY BAD SEQUELS IN A YEAR OF THE FAILED SEQUEL

Comedies, dramas, thrillers, chillers — it doesn't matter what genre, they're all under-performing if they have a "2" or a "3" in their titles. Now *You See Me 2* and *The Conjuring 2* open this Friday, but they could use some of the magic and supernatural power of their respective sagas. So far 2016 is turning out to be the Year of the Failed Sequel. Here are five you probably shouldn't see. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



1 Zoolander 2

Possibly the year's least-anticipated sequel, with Ben Stiller and Owen Wilson returning to their moronic model characters from 2001, this time with even less reason to strut. Tripped on the catwalk with a 53 per cent lower opening take and a 24 per cent Rotten Tomatoes ranking.



2 Ride Along 2

A major hitch in the hike for battling prospective brothers-in-law, again played by Kevin Hart and Ice Cube, who found fewer fellow travelers for their repeat ride. Opened 33 per cent below the 2014 original with a 15 per cent Rotten Tomatoes score.



3 The Divergent Series: Allegiant

The favourite scam of splitting the final book of a trilogy into two movies didn't pay off for this young-adult dystopian adventure series, which clearly suffered from franchise fatigue. It opened 40 per cent below the third film in the series, *Insurgent*, with a Rotten Tomatoes score of 12 per cent.



4 Alice Through the Looking Glass

The White Rabbit should have checked his pocket watch before releasing an inferior Alice sequel six years after the original smash. This opened 77 per cent below the original film, with a Rotten Tomatoes score of 29 per cent. Johnny Depp's dimming star and marital fireworks didn't help.



5 The Huntsman: Winter's War

Someone thought it would be okay to make a Snow White movie without Kristen Stewart's Snow White. They thought wrong. The Huntsman opened 65 per cent below the 2012 original, with a Rotten Tomatoes score of 16 per cent.

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When a baby plan goes awry

MAGGIE'S PLAN

Tale of neurotic New Yorkers ode to complexity of modern life

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada



Maggie's Plan, the new film from director Rebecca Miller, is an idiosyncratic look at the lives of some know-it-alls who don't really know it all.

"I love complex geometry where I can connect different people in different ways," says Miller, "and where you can completely change relationships over the course of a film."

Populated by New York City academics — there's a crypto anthropology prof, a sperm donor who thinks math is beautiful, and a tenured Columbia instructor — Maggie's Plan stars Greta Gerwig as a single, type-A art teacher hoping to have and raise a baby by herself. She has a sperm donor and a plan. Complicating her strategy is John,



Ethan Hawke is a part-time professor and Greta Gerwig a type-A art teacher hoping to have and raise a baby alone in Maggie's Plan. CONTRIBUTED

plicating her strategy is John, played by Ethan Hawke, a part-time professor who initially asks her to read the first chapter of his novel but quickly becomes a love interest. The resulting love triangle — he's married to Georgette (Julianne Moore) — teaches Maggie to make fewer plans and embrace the myster-

ies of the universe.

"I was looking for something that could be funny, could be set in New York and that I could connect to," says Miller, who adapted the screenplay from an unpublished novel by Karen Rinaldi. "Some months before I received the chapters Julianne Moore told me the story of a woman who

had left her marriage, started a new family, blended a family and found herself in an organizational pickle. She constantly had to figure out other people's ski holidays and things. I wondered if people could connect to this idea of how complicated it is to be a person right now and how many choices we have. I felt like



"I wondered if people could connect to this idea of how complicated it is to be a person right now"

Rebecca Miller

it was kind of in the air and it felt very real to me. In that sense it had a lot of juice in it."

The script of Maggie's Plan suggests Miller may be a spiritual cousin of Woody Allen. Actually, she's the daughter of legendary playwright Arthur Miller, but the way she writes about neurotic New Yorkers here has more in common with Allen than her dad's realist morality plays. With a great deal of humour she details the lives of smart but not terribly aware New Yorkers.

"On a totally practical level I wanted to make a movie in New York because I was living here," she says. "We lived in Ireland for years as our primary home and then we shifted it here for a time. I was excited to be here but I had youngish children in the house so for me to live and work in

the same place was important.

"I have a real love for (New York). When you have been living here forever you don't necessarily appreciate it but when you come back to the place suddenly everything looked so beautiful and appealing and wonderful. All my love and feelings for the exact places that are in the movie spilled out onto the screen."

She also included at least one incident from her life. In one funny scene a character expresses displeasure by burning a manuscript and returning the ashes to its author. "I did burn someone's book when I was in college," she laughs. "It wasn't a book they had written, to be fair. It was only a book they had lent to me and I was angry at them so I burned it."

"My salad days. I am much more calm now."

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ALS awareness movies

Lou Gehrig's Disease gained a lot of attention in summer 2014 when everyone began doing the Ice Bucket Challenge. But as celebrated as that chilly viral campaign was, many people still don't understand the devastating effects amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) has on an increasing number of sufferers. As June is ALS Awareness Month, Metro looks at four films that aim to help unmask this mysterious malady. **Steve Gow** FOR METRO



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CLAY TWEEL

"Without seeing these challenges, without experiencing them in a way that film engages its viewers, it would be easier for the public to ignore the plights of ALS patients and their families."



The Theory of Everything (2014)

He's perhaps ALS's most famous figure but Stephen Hawking has also been its most resilient. As Oscar-winning actor Eddie Redmayne demonstrated in this biopic about the famous physicist, the destructive neurodegenerative affliction may paralyze the body, but the mind is very much dynamic. Hawking has even lived over 50 years with the disorder.



Jason Becker: Not Dead Yet (2012)

A guitar protégé in the late '80s, Jason Becker quickly became an internationally-renowned virtuoso until the determined star was diagnosed with ALS — just weeks after David Lee Roth hired him as his guitarist. Twenty years on and Jason's not only alive but creating music.



The Pride of the Yankees (1942)

A year after the baseball hero's death, Gary Cooper played sports legend Lou Gehrig in this cinematic tribute to the Yankees' star (which ALS was named after). A multi-Oscar nominated film, The Pride of the Yankees may not have demonstrated the full brutality of the disease, but it was surely the first to expose it to the mass audiences.

Gleason (coming out Aug. 12)

In this upcoming documentary, director Clay Tweel takes a stirring look at former NFL star Steve Gleason, 39, who was diagnosed with ALS in 2011. The film focuses on the football player's health struggles and his determination to leave a personal journal of the battle to his newborn son.

"It's a story of the triumph of the human spirit," said Tweel recently prior to the film's August release. "Hopefully our film will be a part of driving audiences to enact real change in the search for a cure or for more advanced technology to aid victims."

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Star Wars is not above a good edit

ANALYSIS

The Rogue One revamp should not worry fans too much

Peter Howell
Torstar News Service

As Star Wars controversies go, I'd rank the Rogue One retrofit above the too-cuddly Ewoks but below "Greedo shoots first" (Google it) on the scale of franchise outrages.

Others might disagree. There was a sharp intake of breath and frowning of brows amongst fans recently after gossip site Page Six reported that Disney bosses are "in a panic" over Rogue One, the first Star Wars spinoff.

It does sound serious: Disney execs saw a rough cut of the film, directed by Gareth Edwards, and they're "not fully satisfied" with the prehistory tale of how Rebel Alliance heroes stole plans for the evil Empire's Death Star.

They've ordered an unspecified number of scenes to be reshot, starting in July, which isn't going to be cheap. It likely means calling back all or part of a cast that includes Felicity Jones, Ben Mendelsohn, Forest Whitaker, Mads Mikkelsen and Diego Luna, with additional CGI work as well.



More and more I'm seeing films that cry out for a sharp eye and sharper pair of scissors

Peter Howell

Fan speculation has run fearfully amok, as it will do. Rumours persist online that the tone of Rogue One is too "dark" and needs a few laughs. Estimates range as high as 50 per cent of the film being reshot, a figure I doubt as much as I do the suggestion of "panic" by Disney overlords. The Dec. 16 release date is unchanged, so the Rogue One redo can't be all that drastic.

I'm not worried. I'm actually delighted, if Disney seriously thinks it can make a better movie and not just sell more toys or

soda pop. The studio restored my faith in the Star Wars franchise with The Force Awakens, which was a far better picture than the three misbegotten prequels by series creator George Lucas, who could have used some good advice. Maybe if he'd listened, there wouldn't have been such inanities as Jar Jar Binks and midi-chlorians.

Where is it written that Star Wars is above editing, or indeed any movie? There is an automatic reaction by cinephiles, and I've been guilty of this myself, to assume that any cuts or changes made to a film by anyone other than the director or screenwriter are inherently wrong.

Yet more and more I'm seeing films that cry out for a sharp eye and sharper pair of scissors. I counted exactly one good laugh in the superhero debacle Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice, which at 2.5 hours had a running time as bloated as its title.

The excess isn't limited to the multiplex. Many of the films competing for the Palme d'Or at the recent Cannes Film Festival were pushing the three-hour mark, with no good reason.

Andrea Arnold won the third-place Jury Prize for her lyrical road drama American Honey, but she might have taken the Palme if she'd judiciously pared it to two hours rather than nearly three. The picture tries the patience, and at its current length it will lose one showing per night when it hits the art house circuit this fall. I'm not advocating unfettered interference by studios and producers. Too often their decisions are based on dollars rather than art. All the new superheroes introduced in the recent Captain America: Civil War were there not because it made for a better story (it didn't), but rather to set up new spinoffs for The Avengers franchise. And it was also too long.

Yet sometimes the suits have a better idea of what serves a movie and its audience. Harvey Weinstein did when he suggested to Quentin Tarantino that his revenge drama Kill Bill would work better as two regular-length films than the single four-hour bladder-burster Tarantino had envisioned.

The Star Wars renovators deserve the benefit of the doubt, since The Force Awakens was so good, and it had a few last-minute tweaks, too.

But all bets are off if the Ewoks or Jar Jar Binks end up in the final cut.



Felicity Jones stars as Rebel fighter Jyn Erso in *Rogue One: A Star Wars Story*. Disney has ordered a number of scenes reshot for *Rogue One*, which is slated to open in December. CONTRIBUTED

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His wife loves Kyle Chandler, to which I nodded politely while thinking, 'Get in line, buddy'

popular it was.

You can Google it, like I did, to find the five-ingredient sweet pie, which, if I'm being honest, are the same five ingredients in pretty much every other: a can of sweetened condensed milk, three egg yolks, and lime juice put into a crust and topped with whipped cream.

The difference with Rauschenberg's, however, is that he used a store-bought shell — "plain, graham cracker or chocolate" — and it requires no baking!

On Sunday I set out to work in the kitchen where I often stream TV shows that Simon has no interest in watching with me.

That includes *Bloodline*, the Netflix dramatic thriller set in the Florida Keys about the upstand-



ing Rayburn family and the lies they tell to protect their good name. We'd gone through the first season together, but he wouldn't commit to the second, which premiered on May 27.

I'm not sure why. He certainly had his eyes

open for Sam Shepard, who plays the patriarch of the Rayburn family, when we drove through the Keys last November, particularly when we settled for a couple of nights in Islamorada where much of *Bloodline* is filmed.

At the Palms and Pines

resort our bartender, who doubled as the charter boat captain and looked like Bradley Cooper, told us how one of the actors from the series had recently stayed with his family here.

Also, his wife loves Kyle Chandler, to which I nodded politely while thinking, "Get in line, buddy."

Every place we visited on our road trip had a *Bloodline*-related story: "They were just here last night" or "Kyle's regular hang-out is just up the street." And at every restaurant and diner, we ordered a slice of key lime pie.

But none compared to the first slice we sampled in Key Largo at a roadside place called Mrs. Mac's Kitchen, whose motto is "Eat well, laugh often, live long."

Every slice thereafter caused us to flashback to Mrs. Mac's, not unlike *Bloodline* toys with chronology so that the first scene in Season One is also one of the last.

The timeline jumping continues in the second season — so much so that I had to pause the show (and the key lime pie construction) in order to read some

episode recaps — a eureka moment in and of itself: So this is why recaps exist, I thought.

Maybe the multitasking is why the pie, despite whipping it over a double boiler for at least 30 minutes, never turned into the custard that "Bob" promised it would. It remained a pile of goop, even after I stuck the pie in the freezer for a couple of hours.

Still, I didn't look back. I told no lies; this is the key lime pie we have to live with, I thought, as I prepared two "slices" after dinner.

"Well, maybe it's fitting that Bob's key lime pie looks like a Rauschenberg painting on a plate," Simon said, staring down at the mess that bore a resemblance in colour palette only to the slices we enjoyed on that glorious trip to the Keys, where the sun never stopped shining and the sea was a thousand shades of blue.

But let me tell you: no finer-tasting key lime pie has ever existed.

Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV's *The Social*.

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Grocery delivery helps the community

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A few novel experiences

Just as certain books can leave strong impressions on us, so too can the experience of travelling to new places — and sometimes it is the books we read that inspire us to seek out new faces and landscapes. Canadian author, journalist, travel writer, essayist and critic Bert Archer shares the novels whose words propelled him to travel to the destinations where the stories took place.

Bert Archer
For Torstar News Service

Buenos Aires

I'm sitting in the window of my friend's Manhattan apartment, down for a visit from U of T, just into my 20s. Someone left a paperback on the floor by Silvina Ocampo. It's a collection called *Leopoldina's Dream*.

It's late morning, the sun just catching my toes as I wedge myself in. By the time I put the book down, there's a glare in my eyes, my feet are numb. I've never read anything like Ocampo's genteel characters and living rooms, seeded with dark strangenesses that sprouted off the pages to infest my own twilight room.

Though I never felt moved to read more of her work, I knew I had to go to Buenos Aires, the city that formed this remark-



The novels Bert Archer has read have taken him everywhere, including small fishing villages in Newfoundland.

BERT ARCHER/FOR TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

able voice.

By the time I finally made it, the spell Ocampo had cast had taken root. When I stopped by chance into Cafe La Biela, saw the pictures behind the bar taken by Ocampo's husband, watched people on the terrace as they watched people streaming to the Recoleta Cemetery, and stumbled

on Ocampo's grave, it no longer seemed she had made much of her strangeness up.

Paris

Though it's not unusual for a book to move you, books that physically propel you are rare. But when they do, they can do so powerfully, obsessively.

I had been to Paris already when I read Cyril Collard, for instance. But the city in *Condamné amour* and *Les nuits fauves* convinced me I hadn't really seen it. These novels about a young, good-looking bisexual man with AIDS drew out a Paris of prejudice and passion, of West African banlieues and North African

lovers, a Paris that still throbbed with the sorts of stories I'd seen embalmed in the Tuileries.

I went back to Paris five years later, and on that as on every subsequent trip back, it's Collard's Paris I've visited.

Norway

Norway didn't occupy even a cor-

ner of my consciousness before starting to read Karl Ove Knausgaard's *My Struggle*. But the personal and emotional specificity that's the heart of the memoir spilled over into the geography and hooked me.

So I took the Hurtigruten, a hybrid of a ferry and a cruise ship, down the Norwegian coast to see as many of the sorts of small towns that he described growing up in as I could. They were sombre and well cared for, the people a hybrid themselves of prosperous and rural, everything imbued with and encompassed by Knausgaard.

Newfoundland

Newfoundland literature fishes in very deep seas, creating a plenitude of its own out of the Winters (Kathleen and Michael), Lisa Moore, Ken Babstock, George Murray, Elisabeth de Mariaffi.

But the one book that set the place in my head like no other was Michael Crummey's *Galore*.

His epically idiosyncratic portrayal of outpost life drew me to spend most of my week's trip last June in the smaller towns of the Avalon Peninsula, places such as St. Bride's and Plate Cove West, with a tour company appropriately named Wildlands.

After seven days, *Galore* seemed a lot less fictional than it had.



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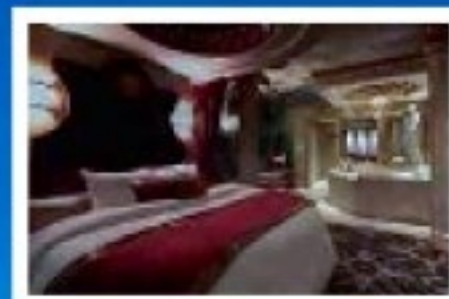


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Bite left in Sharks

STANLEY CUP FINAL

Jones stops 44 shots for win, series returns to San Jose

The Stanley Cup final is going back to California.

The San Jose Sharks avoided elimination in Game 5 on Thursday night, topping the Pittsburgh Penguins 4-2 at Consol Energy Center. Martin Jones made 44 saves and the Sharks scored three first-period goals, including the eventual winner from Melker Karlsson.

Brent Burns, Logan Couture, and Joe Pavelski, into an empty net, also scored for San Jose.

Evgeni Malkin and Carl Hagelin found the back of the net for the Penguins, who outshot San Jose 46-22. Matt Murray turned aside 18 of 21 shots.

Game 6 is set for Sunday night in San Jose with the Penguins still leading the best-of-seven series 3-2.

The Sharks are trying to join the 1942 Toronto Maple Leafs as only the second team in NHL history to overcome a 3-1 deficit in the final.

"Weren't we counted out in the first round?" Sharks defenceman Marc-Edouard Vlasic said of a comeback before the game. "Nobody had us beating L.A."

The Sharks got the start they were after in Game 5.

Burns fired a shot short-side and high on Murray 64 seconds into the first as San Jose landed the first goal in the final for the



Evgeni Malkin of the Penguins slides into Sharks goaltender Martin Jones on Thursday in Pittsburgh. JAMIE SABAU/GETTY IMAGES

GAME 5 In Pittsburgh



first time. It was the Sharks' first shot of the night and first goal of the series for Burns. The goal also looked remarkably similar to Joonas Donskoi's overtime

winner in Game 3.

San Jose continued to buzz and inched its lead to 2-0 less than two minutes later when a Justin Braun point shot was deflected by Couture, the leading scorer this post-season.

Less than two minutes after the goal from Couture, Malkin struck with his second power-play goal in as many games. Fed initially from across the ice by Phil Kessel, Malkin operated inside the right circle, firing a shot off the left skate of Braun that beat Jones.

The attempt at Braun's skate seemed to be intentional from

the Penguins centre.

The score was tied at 2-2 just 22 seconds later when Hagelin deflected a Nick Bonino shot. Bonino thwarting an exit feed from Sharks defenceman Brenden Dillon before sending it on net.

Karlsson's goal was his second of the series. The only Shark to score in Game 3, he received a no-look, backhand pass from Couture, sneaking a wrist shot under the left arm of Murray. It was the third goal in five shots to beat Murray, who looked uneasy in the early going.

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GOLF

Henderson aces her way to the top

Just three holes into her round, Brooke Henderson could tell she needed a spark.

Her fourth career hole-in-one and a new car — to be donated to her caddy sister — did more than enough.

Buoyed by the early ace and birdies on her final two holes, Henderson took the early lead Thursday in the Women's PGA Championship, the second of the LPGA Tour's five major championships.

The 18-year-old Canadian, ranked fourth in the world, had a 4-under 67 on a cool day at Sahalee Country Club. Henderson aced the 13th hole — her fourth hole of the day — hitting a 7-iron from 155 yards to the left side of the green. The shot caught the apron and funnelled directly to the cup.

"It really helped out a lot and gave me momentum for the rest of the day," Henderson said.

Henderson, from Smiths Falls, Ont., was at 3 under after mak-

ing a birdie at the difficult par-4 18th — her ninth hole of the day — which yielded just five birdies among the early players. But she began to struggle with her driver, hitting the ball left off the tee on three straight holes to start her back nine and dropped two shots.

Henderson rebounded with birdies on three of her final four holes. She capped the run with a short putt on the par-3 ninth to take a two-shot lead.

Christina Kim and I.K. Kim followed at 69, with the afternoon wave still on the course.

Top-ranked Lydia Ko had an even-par 71 in a round that featured 14 pars, two birdies and two bogeys. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Brooke Henderson
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BASEBALL

Canadian pitcher drafted 8th overall

Canadian right-handed pitcher Cal Quantrill, son of former Toronto Blue Jays reliever Paul Quantrill, has been selected by the San Diego Padres in the first round of the MLB draft.

The Padres selected the 21-year-old from Port Hope, Ont., out of Stanford University with the eighth overall pick on Thursday night.

Quantrill missed the entire 2016 season after undergoing Tommy John surgery last year.

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Quantrill is the second highest Canadian-born player to be selected at the MLB draft. Adam Loewen of Surrey, B.C., was taken fourth overall in 2002.

the No. 1 pick on Mickey Moniak, a high school outfielder from California. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Blowouts in vogue over playoffs, Finals

It's been the post-season of blowouts.

The NBA Finals has been no different. There was a 63-point turnaround from Game 2 to Game 3 in the span of about 72 hours.

Try to make sense of this: The Cleveland Cavaliers had their entire roster available to start Game 2 of the NBA Finals and wound up losing that game to the Golden State Warriors by 33 points. So in Game 3, with starting forward Kevin Love limited to watching in the locker-room while he continues recovering

from a concussion, the Cavaliers won by 30.

This sort of wild back-and-forth isn't just rare, it's unprecedented.

"At the end of the day, no matter if you lose by 30 or one, it's just one win," Cleveland star LeBron James said after the Cavaliers' 120-90 win on Wednesday night in Game 3. "You have to be able

to have a short mind and also learn from the mistakes that you made in the previous game and just try to better yourself in the following game."

That was Cleveland's mandate going into Wednesday's game. The task now falls to Golden State heading into Game 4 on Friday night.

LESS SPLASHING

Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson are shooting 31-for-77 (40 per cent) from the field and 16-for-45 (36 per cent) from three-point range in the series.

This is the first time since 1965 that there's been two 30-point margin of victories in the NBA Finals — and the first time ever that teams have both won and lost games by 30 in the title series. There hadn't even been an instance of a team winning one game by 20 and then losing the next by 20 since the Chicago-Seattle series in 1996.

Again, try to make sense of that. It's not just this series — these playoffs are on pace for the highest average margin of victory that the NBA has ever seen. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Three-way tie for the lead at St. Jude Classic

Shawn Stefani, Tom Hoge and Seung-yul Noh shared the FedEx St. Jude Classic lead at 5-under 65 on Thursday.

Hoge had a bogey-free round with five birdies in the morning group.

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Venezuela beats Uruguay to advance to quarter-finals

Salomon Rondon scored on a rebound after a shot from midfield struck the crossbar and Venezuela beat Uruguay 1-0 on Thursday night to advance to the Copa America Centenario quarter-finals.

Venezuela won its first two games and leads Group C with six points.

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France pulls reins in on shining Pogba



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THE WAIT IS OVER

Star midfielder not expected to take over games

French fans pinning their hopes on Paul Pogba being the talismanic midfielder leading them to European Championship glory on home soil may have to bank on someone else.

Among the world's best and valued at 100 million euros, Pog-

ba shines for Juventus with driving runs and spectacular goals, but rarely plays with such panache for France because coach Didier Deschamps prefers him in a far more disciplined role.

"People expect too much from Paul," Deschamps said. "People can't accept any middle ground ... but he's not going to score three goals every game."

France traditionally relies upon No. 10 playmakers for its success.

Zinedine Zidane scored two goals in the 1998 World Cup final when France beat Brazil 3-0, and the current Real Madrid coach

also inspired France to reach the 2006 final. Host France won the Euro in 1984, with Michel Platini scoring nine goals in five games.

But the 23-year-old Pogba is not the same category of player.

"He is useful to the team because he's a midfielder, not a No. 10," said Deschamps, whose squad opens Friday vs. Romania.

The paradox between Pogba's dynamic performances for Juve — 20 goals in the past two seasons — and his less expansive play for France is as striking as his inventive, razor-crafted haircuts.

His last goal for France was

two years ago, and his return of five in 31 matches is standard for a vastly talented player who is strong in the air and has a superb long shot.

Much of that is down to Deschamps, the relentlessly hard-working midfield captain from France's victorious World Cup and Euro sides of '98 and 2000.

"(Pogba's) technical ability is well above average," Deschamps said. "But he's not here to bring the crowd to their feet every time he's on the ball."

When France beat Cameroon 3-2 in a recent friendly, Pogba was criticized for pushing up

too much and leaving France's defence exposed. He played far better in last weekend's 3-0 win against Scotland, hitting the post with a free kick, but lacklustre Scotland offered no threat.

Better sides such as Germany and Spain are lethal on the break when teams lose possession, meaning that Pogba's urge to push up and dribble his way out of trouble could prove problematic.

That's why Deschamps talks about "middle ground" when speaking about Pogba, to use his abilities for what's best for his team. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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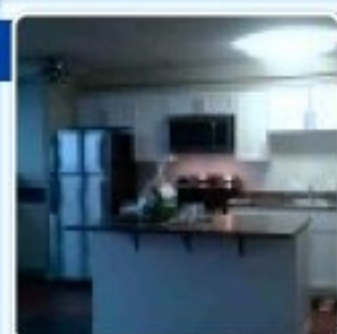
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- 1/4 tsp Dijon mustard
- salt and pepper to taste
- 4 to 6 slices whole grain bread

Directions

1. Place eggs in cold water and

place your pot over medium high heat. Bring the water to a boil, place a lid on pot, take off the heat and set your timer to 12 minutes. Rinse the eggs under cold water to cool them down enough to peel. Remove the shells. Roughly chop the boiled eggs.

2. In a large bowl, mash up your ripe avocados. They don't have to be a purée, just break them down into chunks.

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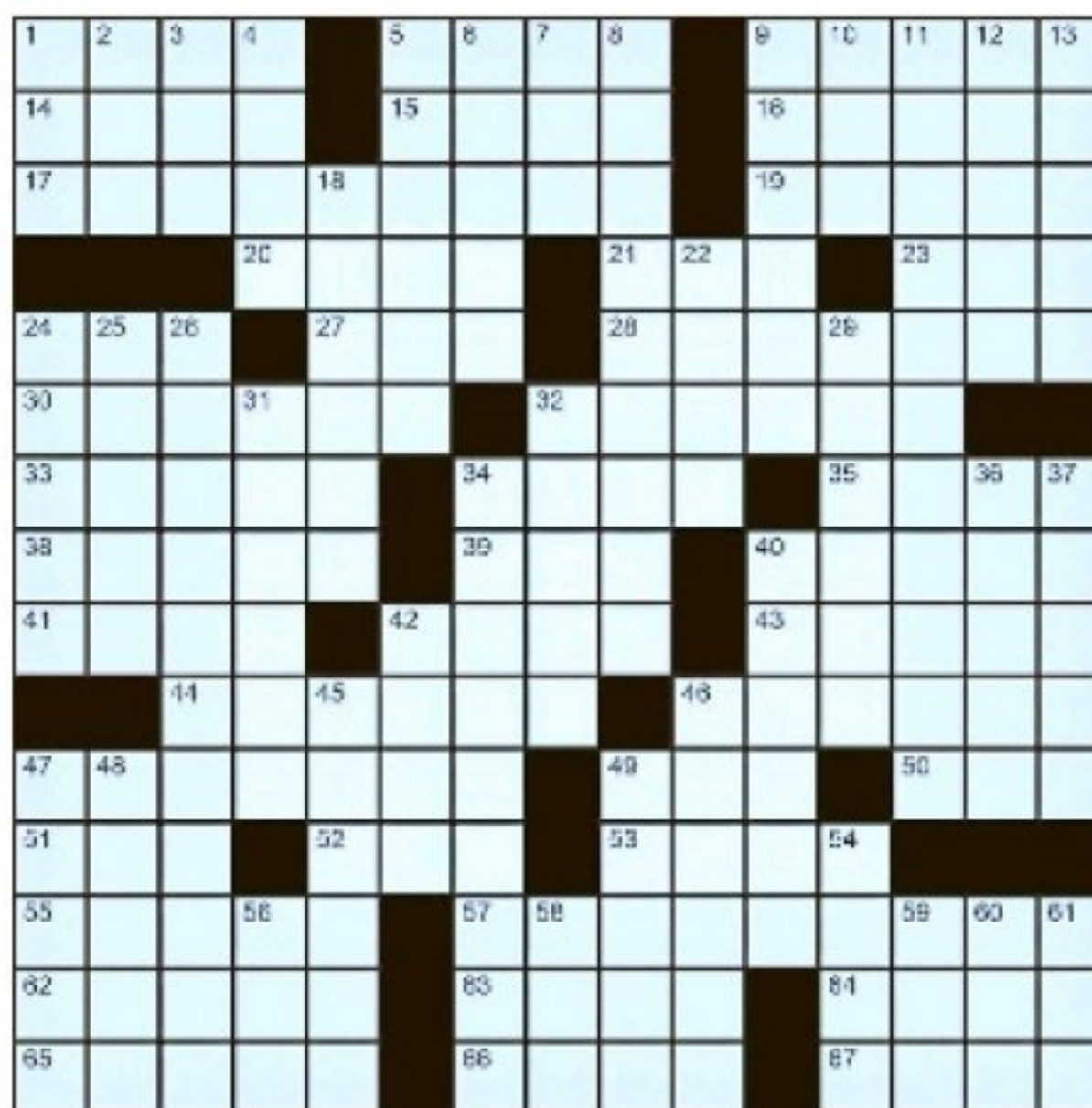
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36. Map detail
37. Equals
40. Beautiful, as landscape
42. Dance move
45. One not leaving, say
46. Cleaned up
47. Ice Cube, aka __ Jackson
48. Wanders
49. Laboratory: __ dish
54. Thunder god
56. "Mr. D" on CBC star Gerry
58. Title for Jesse Jackson [abbr.]
59. __-locka, Florida
60. "Jeopardy!" champ Mr. Jennings
61. Work unit

***IT'S ALL IN THE STARS** Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
You might focus on a pet today or deal with its needs. In the bigger picture, you want to get better organized and be more efficient about everything.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
This is a playful day! (How perfect — it's Friday!) Take a minivacation. Enjoy flirtations, fun and adventure, sports events, musical performances and playful times with children.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Home, family and your private life are your primary focus today. A conversation with a female relative might be significant. If possible, enjoy cocooning at home.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You're on the go! Short trips and a chance to see new places and talk to new faces will please you. Trust your hunches.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Financial issues are important today. This is a good day for business and commerce. You will want to take care of what you own by repairing or cleaning it. (Good idea.)

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
The Moon is in your sign today, which will bring you a bit of extra good luck. However, it also can make you more emotional than usual. Stay chill.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You will prefer working alone or behind the scenes today, because you need a little peace and quiet. However, if you get a chance to travel, grab it!

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
A discussion with a female acquaintance will be significant today. You might want to share your hopes and dreams for the future with someone. (This is a good idea, because this person's feedback will help you.)

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Personal details about your private life are made public today. (Quite likely, you are aware of this.) Don't worry; it's not something to be concerned about.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Do something different today, because you want to expand your horizons and experience adventure! Ideally, you want to learn something new.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Discussions about shared property, inheritances, taxes and debt will be prominent today. You might focus on the wealth of someone else; you might envy it.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Today the Moon is opposite your sign, which means you have to compromise and go more than halfway when meeting others. This is minor, but it's there.

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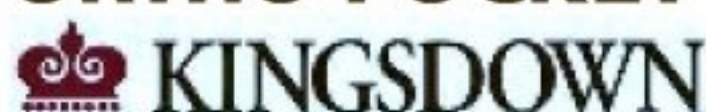




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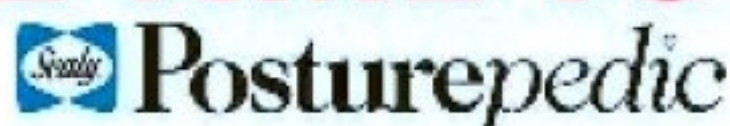


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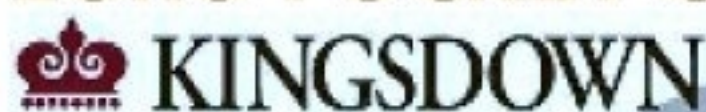
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